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The Soviets reportedly are sounding out the West on a compromise concerning German reunification. It would involve mutual Four Power recognition of the East and West German governments, and a reunited Berlin city government under Four Power control as a test for national reunification. The most rabid East Berlin Government Communists would be relegated to the background and replaced by less radical officials of the Grotewohl type considered to be more acceptable to the West. The Soviets are above all interested in peace in Europe for the purpose of consolidation.

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